

APPENDIX A OBSTACLES TO THE PLANNING PROCESS

The Big Sandy Regional Water Management Council evolved from the Water Supply Planning Council. The Water Management Council participants included five county judges-executives, twelve mayors, thirteen water systems, and representatives from each of the five county health departments.

The single most important obstacle was to have representatives of all required parties present at the water management council meetings.

The Big Sandy Regional Water Management Council unlike the Water Supply Council also made planning efforts for wastewater within the planning unit. The participants realized the need for wastewater services and complexity of the existing problems associated. The council was enlightened by the emphasis placed on wastewater from the Governor and the State of Kentucky.

The Big Sandy Regional Water Management Council learned to evolve from Water Supply Planning efforts to Water and Wastewater Management Planning efforts. The council focused more on regionalization and cooperation while maintaining the responsibility of service at local levels.

No conflicts arose through the planning process. The required participants and interested parties came together at each of the meetings in order to improve the infrastructure services of water and wastewater in the Big Sandy.